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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 4

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS, AUGUST 4:

--U.S. NEWS IN DAILY PRESS IS BASICALLY
NEGATIVE, FEATURING NASTY LIT GAZ ARTICLE ON ALLEGED CIA
ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT SMUN SECOND SECRETARY KHARCHENKO (SEPTTEL);

--ON CSCE BASKET THREE THEME, LIT GAZ HAS
LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
RADIO AND TV COMMITTEE, S.G. LAPIN, WHO CITES FIGURES TO
PROVE BREZHNEV'S BERLIN SPEECH CHARGE THAT WEST SHOWED
THREE TIMES FEWER SOVIET TV PROGRAMS LAST YEAR THAN VICE
VERSA. HE CONCLUDES WITH BLAST AT WESTERN ANTI-SOVIET TV
PROGRAMS, CITING RECENT INTERVIEWS WITH SOLZHENITSYN;

--ALSO ON CSCE, LIT GAZ N.Y. CORRESPONDZ
T GERASIMOV
PHONES IN SARCASTIC ARTICLE SUGGESTING VARIOUS SORE SPOTS
IN U.S. SOCIETY WHICH NEW CONGRESSIONAL CSCE OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MIGHT PROFITABLY EXAMINE;

--PRAVDA CARRIES LONG, SERIOUS ARTICLE
BY K. GEORGIEV DECRYING INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BY WESTERN
ANALYSTS OF SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT ARMS EXPENDITURES WITH
U.S. AND NATO OUTLAYS. GEORGIEV DISPUTES CORRECTNESS OF
WESTERN METHODS AND CLAIMS RECENTLY PUBLISHED "CIA" STUDIES
OF HUGE INCREASES IN SOVIET EXPENDITURES ARE "COMPLETELY
ABSURD." IN ANY CASE, HE SAYS, OVERALL FIGURES ON NATO
VERSUS WP EXPENDITURES SHOW NATO SPENDING MORE ALTHOUGH
TOTAL WP TOOP LEVELS ARE SOMEWHAT HIGHER. ON CRUISE/
BACKFIRE CONTROVERSY, HE CITES PRESIDENT'S FY77 BUDGET
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MESSAGE AND SECDEF ANNUAL REPORT CATEGORIZING CRUISE AS
STRATEGIC WEAPON, AND HOOPEES AND LODAL STATEMENTS ON
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT THESIS THAT BACKFIRE
IS NOT STRATEGIC;

--PRAVDA AND KZ COVER BREZHNEV-CEAUSESCU MEETING
IN CRIMEA;

--PRAVDA PRINTS FULL TEXT OF SOVIET STATEMENT ON
BERLIN PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS
WHICH WAS HANDED TO FRENCH, BRITISH AND U.S. AMBASSADORS
IN MOSCOW AUGUST 3;

--PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY P. DEMCHENKO
GIVES POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT
BUT CAUTIONS THAT AGAINST BACKGROUND OF CONTINUED FIGHTING
IT MIGHT BE ONLY FIRST STEP;

--L. KORNEYEV HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE IN KZ ON
CLOSE TIES BETWEEN WESTERN (ESPECIALLY U.S.) AND ISRAELI
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. KORNEYEV WORKS IN SENTENCE ON
"BANDIT-GANGS LIKE JDL" WHICH SPECIALIZE IN TERRORISM
AGAINST SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS IN U.S;

2. U.S. COVERAGE:

--PRAVDA REPORT ON SECRETARY'S AFRICA SPEECH
TO NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE INDICATES HE EMPHASIZED ECONOMIC-
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF AFRICA TO U.S. AND ALARM
OVER STRENGTHENED NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT;

--KZ PRINTS FEUILLETON BY FINNISH WRITER M.
LARNI CRITICIZING RL AND RFE;

--MORE SERIOUS ANTI-U.S. PIECE IS V. VALENTINOV'S
DETAILED ACCOUNT IN LIT GAZ OF "OPERATION SEDUCTION", I.E.,
ALLEGED CIA ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT SMUN SECOND SECRETARY KHARCHENKO
IN NEW YORK IN MID-JULY;

--LIT GAZ ALSO HAS FAIRLY MILD PIECE BY YU.
YARTSEV CRITICIZING RECENT REGAN ARTICLE IN N.Y. TIMES
ON EXPANSION OF US-PRC RELATIONSHIP. ARTICLE CONCLUDES
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